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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3, 6-13, 18 21 and 23 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A data storage device comprising:
a card formed of a non-conductive material; and
a magnetic strip ~~carried on the card and including a~~
substrate layer and a magnetizable layer encodable to
store digital information and the magnetic strip and
the card including a surface and the surface including
a textured interface between the card and the magnetic
strip portion having a plurality of spaced bumps on a
relatively smooth surface ~~of the magnetic strip.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The data storage device of claim 1
wherein the ~~substrate layer~~ textured interface includes a surface
texture including a plurality of spaced bumps on a ~~portion~~
~~thereof to form the textured portion of the surface of the~~
magnetic strip.
3. (Currently Amended) The data storage device of claim 1
wherein the magnetic strip includes a protective layer covering
the magnetizable layer and the protective layer ~~includes a~~
~~surface texture including a plurality of spaced bumps to form the~~
~~textured portion of the surface of the magnetic strip~~ is textured
to form the textured interface.
4. (Original) The data storage device of claim 3 wherein the
protective layer is formed of a diamond-like carbon.
5. (Original) The data storage device of claim 1 wherein the
substrate layer is formed of a material selected from the group
consisting of aluminum, glass or plastic.

6. (Currently Amended) The data storage device of claim 1 wherein the ~~plurality of spaced bumps on the textured portion of the surface of the magnetic strip are~~interface is laser formed.

7. (Currently Amended) The data storage device of claim 1 wherein the plurality of spaced bumps have a ~~relatively~~substantially uniform size.

8. (Currently Amended) The data storage device of claim 1 wherein the plurality of bumps are ~~relatively~~substantially uniformly spaced.

9. (Currently Amended) The data storage device of claim 1 wherein the magnetic strip includes ~~an~~a magnetically active surface and the magnetically active surface includes the textured interface ~~portion~~ including the plurality of spaced bumps.

10. (Currently Amended) A data storage device comprising:
a card formed of a non-conductive material including a
magnetic strip; and
~~interfacing means for providing a textured interface for a~~
textured interface between the card and the magnetic
strip.

11. (Currently Amended) The data storage device of claim 10 wherein the magnetic strip includes a textured ~~substrate~~ surface including a plurality of spaced bumps to form the ~~interfacing means for providing the textured interface for~~between the magnetic strip and the card.

12. (Currently Amended) The data storage device of claim 10 wherein the magnetic strip includes a textured protective layer

surface including a plurality of spaced bumps to form the ~~interfacing means for providing the textured interface for~~ between the magnetic strip and the card.

13. (Currently Amended) The data storage device of claim 10 wherein a surface of the card includes a textured portion including a plurality of spaced bumps to form the ~~interfacing means for providing the textured interface for~~ between the magnetic strip and the card.

14. (Withdrawn) A data storage device comprising:
a card formed of a non-conductive material; and
a magnetic strip slidably in a body of the card and movable between a retracted position and an extended position and the magnetic strip including a substrate layer and a magnetizable layer encodable to store digital information and the magnetic strip including an interface surface slideable relative to an interface surface of the body of the card and at least one of the interface surfaces of the magnetic strip or the body of the card including a textured portion including a plurality of spaced bumps on a relatively smooth surface portion.

15. (Withdrawn) The data storage device of claim 14 wherein the magnetic strip includes an active surface and a portion of the active surface includes the textured portion including the plurality of spaced bumps.

16. (Withdrawn) The data storage device of claim 14 wherein the body of the card includes multiple card layers and a surface of the multiple card layers includes the textured portion including the plurality of spaced bumps.

17. (Withdrawn) The data storage device of claim 16 wherein the multiple card layers of the body of the card include opposed rails and the textured portion including the plurality of spaced bumps is formed on the opposed rails.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of fabricating a magnetic storage device comprising steps of:

fabricating a card formed of a non-conductive material including an encodable magnetic strip slidably along a body surface of the card; and

fabricating a textured ~~surface portion~~ interface including a plurality of spaced bumps formed in a relatively smooth surface portion relative to ~~on~~ one of the magnetic strip or ~~a~~ the body surface of the card.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the step of fabricating the textured ~~surface portion~~ interface including the plurality of spaced bumps comprises the step of:

laser forming the plurality of spaced bumps.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the magnetic strip includes an active surface and the step of fabricating the textured ~~surface portion~~ interface including the plurality of spaced bumps comprises the step of:

texturing the active surface of the magnetic strip.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein the magnetic strip includes ~~an~~ at least one active surface slideable along the body surface of the card and the step of fabricating the textured ~~surface portion~~ interface including the plurality of spaced bumps comprises the step of:

texturing the body surface of the card having the active surface of the magnetic strip slideable therealong.

22. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the magnetic strip includes a magnetizable layer deposited on a substrate and the step of fabricating the textured ~~surface portion~~interface including the plurality of spaced bumps comprises the step of: texturing a surface portion of the substrate of the magnetic strip prior to depositing the magnetizable layer.

23. (Currently Amended) A data storage device comprising:
a slidable magnetic strip including a magnetically encodable layer and a textured surface portion along the magnetic strip.

24. (Previously added) The data storage device of claim 23 wherein the magnetic strip is on a data card.

25. (Previously Added) The data storage device of claim 24 wherein the texture surface is formed on one of a substrate, the data card or a protective layer.

26. (Previously Added) The data storage device of claim 23 wherein the texture surface portion includes a plurality of laser formed bumps.

27. (Previously Added) The data storage device of claim 26 wherein the plurality of laser formed bumps are uniformly sized and/or uniformly spaced.

28. (New) The data storage device of claim 10 wherein the textured interface is laser formed.